



FAMILY COURT NEWS

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IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME

It's that time of year again! The 2008 Family Court Annual Report and 2009 Grant Terms will be due January 15, 2009. In order to complete the annual report, you will need to have Microsoft Excel 2000 or newer installed on your computer. If you do not have Excel, you may use Family Court grant funds to purchase the software. For information on the state of Indiana's discount arrangement with ASAP Software, contact Steven Parks at 800.231.5559 or sparks@asap.com.

The report form and the grant terms will be available on the Family Court web site, <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/family-court/>, by mid-December. After completing the annual report, you may print a copy for your records, but please submit your report electronically by saving it to your computer and attaching it to an e-mail. Your grant terms may be submitted electronically or you may submit a hard copy if you prefer. Please remember that you will not receive your 2009 distributions until these forms are received.

For those projects that also have ADR programs, the Domestic Relations Committee heard your pleas and voted to change the ADR reporting period to a calendar year to help ease your record-keeping. By statute, the reports are due December 31; however, the Committee agreed to allow a grace period and accept reports through January 10. Through an agreement with the Judicial Center, I have assumed the responsibility of collecting the ADR reports, so please send them to me, either electronically or by mail.

If you have any questions about completing any of these the forms, please feel free to call.

WATCH YOUR INBOX FOR FAMILY COURT SURVEY

The Family Court Steering Committee will be surveying family court projects in December to begin to compare the programming provided by our pilot projects to national standards and to programming provided in other states. We will be using Survey Monkey, and we anticipate the survey will contain 25-30 questions. Your input is very important to us. Please watch for the survey in your e-mail inbox and take a few minutes out of your day to respond. Your responses will show us our areas of strength and success, and will also help us determine any unmet needs and plan for the future of the project.